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Britons to intermix was largely due to the unwillingness of the latter.

Dr. PRENTISS said that the product of amalgamation was necessarily an inferior race. He gave the views of Bishop Andrews on the Mexican race. The mixed-bloods are now largely in the majority. Some of the finest men in the State, such as the late President Juarez, are full-blooded Indians, and proud of their pedigree.

Col. SEELY said the same was true among the Cherokees, who are proud of their pure Indian blood.

Prof. MASON said he had been told that the Scotch inhabitants of some of the Southern States had always taken kindly to the Indians, and that quite a Scotch-Indian stock had resulted.

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#### FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING, MAY 2, 1882.

Colonel GARRICK MALLERY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Curator reported the receipt of the following gift:

From the EDITOR.—Archivio per l'Antropologia e la Etnologia.  
By Dr. Paolo Mantegazza. Vol. XI, pt. 3. Florence, 1881,  
pp. 197-489, 2 pll.

Rev. J. OWEN DORSEY then read a paper on "THE GENTILE SYSTEM OF THE IOWAS," of which the following is an abstract:

The Iowas belong to that linguistic stock which has been known as the Dakotan family, but which, in future, must be called the Siouan family. They were mentioned by Marquette, in 1673, and located on his map between 40° and 41° N., west of the "Pana" (Ponkas), and northwest of the "Maha" (Omahas) and "Ototanta" (Otos). Marquette called them "Pahoutet."

These four tribes were originally parts of the Hotcañgara or Winnebagos.

Meaning of the word "Iowa" and of their real name, "Paqoche." Origin of the Iowas.

Tribal circle. Two phratries; gentes.

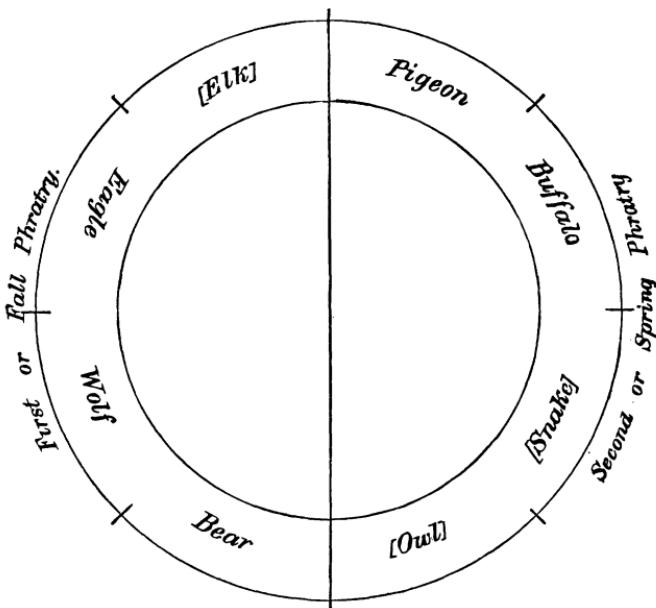
Mythical origin of the gentes.

Present organization of the tribe.

Rights and duties of gentes.

Account of their sub-gentes.

## IOWA TRIBAL CIRCLE.



Mr. LESTER F. WARD then read a communication on "SOCIETY AS A DOMAIN OF NATURAL FORCES." The paper was illustrated by elaborate charts prepared for the purpose by Dr. Frank Baker. As the paper consumed the time of the Society up to the hour of adjournment the discussion was postponed.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING, May 16, 1882.

Major J. W. POWELL, President, in the Chair.

The election to active membership of Mr. James H. Blodgett, special agent of the Census, and Mr. Edwin Coombs, of the Sixth Auditor's Office, was announced.

The President also laid before the Society for its action the project for the formation of an Academy of Sciences, as prepared by the committees of the Anthropological, Philosophical, and Biological Societies in joint session.